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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, SW

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

REF: STOCKHOLM 4900

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON WILL DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT LEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION TO OPENING 31ST SESSION UNGA AS INDICATED REFTEL. PALME GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION WAS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20, BUT CABINET WILL STAY ON AS CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNTIL NEW CABINET SWORN IN, POSSIBLY ON OCTOBER 7 OR 8.

2. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICER (LARS SCHONANDER, UN AFFAIRS), SWEDEN WILL POSTPONE SPEECH TO JNGA TO OCTOBER 12 OR 13 TO PERMIT NEW FOREIGN MINISTER TO DELIVER IT IF HE DECIDES TO GO TO NEW YORK. IF HE DOES
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NOT ATTEND, AMBASSADOR TO UN OLOF RYDBECK WILL SPEAK

IN HIS PLACE.

2. COMMENT: SPECULATION IS MOUNTING REGARDING
IDENTITY OF ANDERSSON'S REPLACEMENT. NAMES OF SEVERAL
KNOWN POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS ALREADY MENTIONED
AND RYDBECK HIMSELF IS STRONG POSSIBILITY. ANDERS
THUNBORG, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE, IS ALREADY IN
NEW YORK AS MEMBER SWEDISH CONTINGENT. DESPITE HIS
STRONG SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CREDENTIALS, EMBASSY
INFORMED THAT THUNBORG'S DESIGNATION AS SWEDISH
AMBASSADOR TO UN, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 1977, WILL
NOT BE CHANGED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF INTER-PARTY
AGREEMENT ON THE ASSIGNMENT BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 19
ELECTIONS.
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